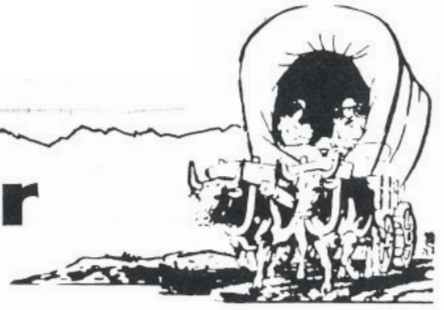




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*Elder Eldred G. Smith displays the box in which  
the Prophet Joseph Smith placed the Gold Plates prior to  
having a special box made for them.*



# The President's Message



by D. Wesley Reese

## SEMINAR SUCCESS

The annual orientation seminar for presidents and presidents-elect of all the chapters of the National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers was held Saturday January 22, 1977, and was very successful. Moving the date of the seminar from May to January is a great advantage to new chapter officers because they can now receive instructions and information on how to organize and plan their activities for the entire calendar year while they are in office instead of waiting until May when nearly half their term in office is gone. I would sincerely like to thank the general chairman, Oliver R. Smith, president-elect of the National Society of SUP, for his time and effort in organizing an outstanding seminar and for updating the operations manual. I would also like to thank all who participated in the seminar, especially the committee who took care of the programs and dinner, and all who helped to make it a success. Now that the chapter officers and National Board have been oriented as to their responsibilities, let us move forward in harmony together and make this another outstanding year for SUP.

## "THE PIONEER"

I enjoy reading *The Pioneer* magazine very much and look forward to each issue. I feel it is the connecting link between all the chapters and the National Board, and I would like to encourage all the chapters to send articles and chapter activities to the editor each month. I check the section entitled "Chapter News and Views" with great anticipation to learn of the activities of each chapter, but find that in our last issue only eight chapters of the 23 had sent in their report of activities. Let us all benefit from the successes of all the chapters through this magazine by using it.

Because the Sierra Chapter is so far away and their National Vice President cannot attend our board meetings regularly and the chapter officers

could not attend the seminar, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate them for their outstanding ability and leadership in following the SUP recommended programs. They have outstanding historical treks, meetings, dinners and community projects, as you will find by reading the articles they send to *The Pioneer* each issue. I was very happy to learn by reading the last issue that they have recruited my uncle Thomas Wesley Smith and his son Duane Smith from Sacramento. They will be a great asset to their chapter. Keep up the good work.

## REMEMBER OUR SWEETHEARTS

Since we have just passed February which is known as "Sweetheart Month," we should express our love and appreciation to our sweethearts. I am afraid many of us men take our wives for granted. When we stop and think of all the many things they do for us and our children, we should make each day of the year a Valentine day for them.

As we look into the journals and histories of our pioneer ancestors and learn of their love, courtships, marriages, families, hardships and sacrifices, it should give us courage to unite as husband and wife to meet the challenges that are before us today in these so-called troubled times. To raise a choice family that is proud of their pioneer ancestry, their country and their church and are willing to do everything in their power to preserve the same, is a noble goal.

Many of these pioneer diaries and journals are going to be lost forever if we as an organization do not act now and encourage everyone to check their attics, basements, old trunks, etc. for these priceless items and incorporate them into their family histories for the benefit of future generations.

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## ANNUAL SUP SEMINAR ATTRACTS MANY

The annual seminar and banquet for chapter presidents, presidents-elect, national board members and partners was held January 22, 1977, at the Garden Heights Ward on Fisher Lane in Salt Lake City. A most informative and entertaining afternoon and evening was enjoyed by those attending. It was declared by many to be the best seminar to assist those in SUP leadership positions that the National Society has ever staged.

The purpose of the meeting was to orient and instruct the officers of the chapters on how to organize and build their groups to make SUP more meaningful and effective, and to assist the board members in their work of helping the chapters. Also, of course, fellowshiping new leaders and elevating the fraternal sociability of all present was an important part of the plan of the committee in charge.

President D. Wesley Reese welcomed all and made introductions.

President-elect Oliver R. Smith was general chairman and had charge of preparing the *Operations Manual* which was given to all SUP members attending. He commented on the various sections of the manual and stressed building SUP membership.

Others who were assigned to discuss points of importance were: George C. Lloyd, "Secretary-Treasurer, Functions"; George B. Everton, Sr., "You and *The Pioneer Magazine*"; Verl Peterson, "The SUP Awards Program"; Phil Robbins, "Vitalizing Chapter Activities"; Elmer Jones, "The Mormon Battalion"; John J. Nielsen, "The '77 Encampment Plans"; and Dr. Orson Wright, "Extension of Memberships."

While the men were holding their meeting the ladies met separately. (See story by Min Wiseman.)

During the social period between the meetings and the dinner hour Elder Eldred G. Smith, Patriarch to the Church, displayed and explained about a number of artifacts he had inherited and gathered pertaining to early Church history, especially the personal articles owned by his great-

## AWARDS PROGRAM TO BE CHANGED

Some discussion has been had regarding the awards program which is a feature of each Annual Encampment. Plaques or trophies have been given to the "Outstanding Individual," the "Outstanding Couple" and the "Outstanding Chapter" for many years. No specific guidelines have been set for the judges in making their choices.

In the Orientation Manual which was given to the chapters at the Presidents' Seminar it is suggested that instead of giving merit points for each activity, the criteria for these activities should be used but no specific merit points set up for accomplishment.

New guidelines will undoubtedly be given the chapter officers regarding this matter. But in the meantime, chapters, couples and individuals should keep in mind that the building of SUP by bringing in new members and organizing new chapters will weigh heavily with the judges for the annual awards.

## PRESIDENTS' SEMINAR FOR SOUTHERN UTAH

National President D. Wesley Reese is organizing a trip to Southern Utah with the National Board to conduct a Presidents' Seminar for the chapter officers of that region.

Benificent effects have already been experienced from the seminar held in January, and it was decided that considerable help could be extended to those who could not attend because of distance and other factors.

No definite date has been set, but it is expected that the seminar will be held about the middle of March, probably at St. George.

grandfather Hyrum Smith (see pictures and captions).

The greater-than-expected attendance was evidence of the interest the new officers have in the all-important cause of SUP. Harold Jenson, former SUP Historian, suggests that each member should adopt for this year the slogan "7 new members in '77." If there is a will, there will be a way.



# BIG STONE GETS ROLLING



## *Housing Facilities For SUP at U of U 1977 Encampment*

### *Plans on Schedule*

Under the vigorous direction of Chairman John J. Nielson, regular committee meetings within the membership of the East Millcreek SUP are being held. As host for the 1977 Encampment, the EMC Chapter committee members are exploring all possibilities for an interesting and entertaining encampment. Cooperation and direction from the NS SUP is given at the meetings, and final plans will be announced in later issues of *The Pioneer*.

Advance space reservations have been made for adequate and comfortable housing and meals for our members and friends from the outside area. Rooms are air-conditioned, and excellent meals will be available nearby.

The U of U campus officials are offering excellent and full cooperation from their facilities.

The committee on tours, with Dale Holbrook as chairman and the assistance of Mort Hill, Lynn B. Garff, Joy F. Dunyon, Sherm Gawans, Roy Pearson as executive secretary and others, are planning at least three tours for this pioneer-rich area. From the tops of the nearby mountains to the salt flats, by bus, private limousine or air flights, our guests will be given choice opportunities to visit and see our pioneer landscape.

The 100th Anniversary of the East Millcreek Ward is to be co-sponsored by the East Millcreek SUP Chapter on Saturday, July 16th. Chairman LaMar J. Gardner and his committee are now finalizing plans for the location of the events as well as the

## Life Membership Roster Grows

In January our Executive Secretary, George C. Lloyd, mailed 1977 membership cards to all Life Members. Being paid up for life, no charge is made for these cards. There is a luxurious feeling that comes when one digs a little deeper and comes up with enough to have his name enscribed on the Life Membership Roll. He knows that he is helping SUP now with all its high ideals and projects of lasting value. He also knows that he will keep on helping even after he has passed this life.

We quote from the letter:

*"During the past year the number of Life Members has continued to increase; as of this date the total now stands at 206. This shows an attitude of loyalty on the part of our membership and personal responsibility by the members of the committee."*

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You are invited to join. See your chapter officers or write to The National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers, 2998 South 2150 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109. The feeling might be unnameable but it will be good.



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program for this early church ward centennial.

All 1977 Encampment events are now within a time schedule, and chairman Nielson assures the SUP members and friends that the encampment this summer will be the highlight of the summer season.

— E. Kay Kirkham



# The Man Without A Country

*Talk given by J. Rulon Morgan on October 31, 1976 at Oak Hills 2nd Ward Sacrament Meeting on Bicentennial Program.*

## INTRODUCTION

In the *New York Herald* of Aug. 13, 1863, in the death notices, appeared this announcement:

"Nolan. Died on board U.S. Corvette *Levant*, Latitude 2° South, Longitude 130 degrees West on the 11th of May, 1863, Philip Nolan."

The story and the hero of a Man Without a Country, although fictional, is one of the most well-liked short stories in American literature. It was written by Edward Everett Hale in 1863, during the Civil War, as a contribution "towards the formation of a sentiment of love for the nation" and is a classic that almost everybody knows and children especially enjoy.

The author, Edward Everett Hale, was a grand-nephew of Nathan Hale, the young Revolutionary war hero who volunteered to General George Washington to go behind the British lines as a spy and get specific information on how the British army was about to attack. Nathan was captured by the British, and after confessing, was hanged the next day. When asked, before the hanging, if he had anything to say, he exclaimed, "Yes, I regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." Edward Everett Hale was called the grand old man of Boston, as the grand old woman was Julia Ward Howe, who recited the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" on every public occasion. He was very patriotic and became Chaplain of the U.S. Senate in 1903. He had a good sense of humor and when someone asked him, "Do you pray for the Senators, Dr. Hale?" he is supposed to have replied, "No, I look at the Senators, and pray for the country."

The only real Philip Nolan was of an earlier generation. He was a contra-

band wild horse trader in Texas, born in Frankfort, Kentucky, but claimed he was a native of Belfast, Ireland. He died March 21, 1801, long before our story begins. Aaron Burr, referred to in the story, was born in 1756 and died in 1836. He was Vice President of the United States when Thomas Jefferson was President. In 1804 he killed Alexander Hamilton, the great American statesman, in a duel. In 1807 Burr was charged with treason on another charge and was tried, but acquitted.

## THE STORY

Lieutenant Philip Nolan, age 21, was as fine a young officer as there was in the "Legion of the West," as the Western division of our United States army was then called. He became acquainted with Aaron Burr in New Orleans in the year 1803. Burr fascinated Nolan and gained his confidence, but deceived him into being a rebellious young officer — sick of the military service — willing to be false to it — and willing to desert it by the command of Aaron Burr. Nolan was tried at Fort Adams by the Court and was found guilty of being unfaithful to the United States army. When the Court asked him at the close of the trial whether he wished to say anything to show that he had always been faithful to the United States of America, he cried out in a fit of anger, "Damn the United States! I wish I may never hear of the United States again."

Half the officers of the Court had served in the Revolutionary War and had offered their lives for this great country in times of need. The Court

was terribly shocked by Nolan's outburst of disloyalty, so it made the following decision:

"Prisoner, hear the sentence of the Court: The Court decides, subject to the approval of the President of the United States, that you never hear the name of the United States again." Nolan laughed. But nobody else laughed. "Mr. Marshal, take the prisoner to Orleans in an armed boat and deliver him to the Naval Commander there. See that no one mentions the United States to the prisoner ever again." The sentence was approved, and Nolan was "a man without a country." He was condemned to spend his life on naval vessels, transferred from ship to ship for over fifty years. Always treated courteously by officers and men, he was never permitted to hear the name of the United States until, gentle and uncomplaining, he died, an old man, still on shipboard.

He was not permitted to talk with the men on board the ship unless an officer was by. He grew shy. Had his own stateroom. They took the buttons off his uniform, as they had the U.S. insignia on them. He was never allowed to speak of home. They called him "Plain Buttons."

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All U.S. newspapers were kept from him, and he was not allowed to go on shore. He was allowed to read books of foreign countries so long as there was no reference to the United States.

On one occasion, while they were cruising on the Indian Ocean, one of the officers borrowed a lot of English books, and Nolan was permitted to read them with the officers on board the ship. Each took his turn reading aloud to the others. Nolan took one of the books and started reading, without a thought of what was coming — "Breathes there a man, with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said" —

Poor Nolan went on, not realizing what was to follow —

"This is my own, my native land."

Nolan turned pale, but plunged on —

"Whose heart hath ne'er within him burned, as home his footsteps he hath turned from wandering on a foreign strand? If such there breathe, go, mark him well."

By this time the men were all beside themselves, wishing that there was a way to make him turn over two

pages, but Nolan gagged a little, his face turning crimson, and staggered on —

"For him no minstrel raptures swell; high though his titles, proud his name, boundless his wealth as wish can claim, despite these titles, power and pelf, the wretch, concentrated all in self," —

Here the poor fellow choked, could not go on, but stood up and threw the book by Sir Walter Scott into the sea, vanished into his stateroom and was not seen for two months afterward.

Nolan was never the same man again. He never read aloud again unless it was the Bible or Shakespeare, or some book he was sure of. From then on he was shy, nervous, tired and had the look of a heart-wounded man.

He was transferred twenty times from one ship to another, and was always more than 100 miles from the shoreline of the United States. On another occasion, when the ship was in the Mediterranean Sea, at a grand ball on board, in the Bay of Naples harbor, Nolan was asked to the dance. He recognized a Miss Rutledge whom he knew in Philadelphia and asked her for a dance. She danced with him and informed him that she was now Mrs.

Graff. He talked with her about her travels abroad, and finally, a little pale, he said, "And what do you hear from home, Mrs. Graff?" At this she stared at Nolan and exclaimed, "Home, Mr. Nolan? I thought you were the man who never wanted to hear of home again," and she left him standing alone on the dance floor. He never danced again.

On another occasion, Nolan assisted in defending a vessel which had been attacked during the war and was rewarded by being given an Englishman's sword for his gallant action in manning one of the big guns on board. When it was presented to Nolan and he put it on, he cried like a baby, as he had not worn a sword since he was convicted at Fort Adams. He treasured the old sword and wore it on ceremonial occasions.

Nolan asked to be pardoned on one occasion and wrote the Secretary of War, but nothing ever came of it.

Nolan kept scrap books and drew a large map on the ceiling of his room. He read five hours a day and could speak Portuguese fluently.

One day a slave ship with slaves on board was stopped in the South At-

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lantic ocean by the American vessel that Nolan was on. The Americans boarded the negro slave ship and found a horrible scene, of slaves in chains and filth beyond belief. The men in charge of the slave ship spoke Portuguese, and Nolan was called to interpret. The American commander ordered the slave ship crew hanged, and the slaves released from their chains. Then Nolan was asked to find out where the slaves wanted to go. "Tell them," said the commander, "that I will take them to Cape Palmas." The slaves pleaded, "Not Palmas — Take us home, take us to our own country, take us to our own house, take us to our own pickaninnies and our own women. We have not heard from our home for six months." Nolan struggled through this agony of the thoughts of home, when the commander said, "Tell them yes, yes, we will take them home."

When Nolan and the crew were going back to the American vessel, Nolan

said to one of the younger members of the American crew, "Youngster, let that show you what it is to be without a family, without a home and without a country. And if you are ever tempted to say a word or do a thing that shall put a bar between you and your family, your home and your country, pray God in His mercy to take you at that instant, home to His own heaven. Think of your home, boy; write and send, and talk about it. And for your country, boy," and the words rattled in his throat, "and for that flag," and he pointed to the ship, "never dream a dream but of serving her as she bids you, though the service carry you through a thousand hells. No matter what happens to you, no matter who flatters you or who might abuse you, never look at another flag, never let a night pass but you pray, and pray God to bless that flag. Remember, boy, that behind all these men you have to do with, behind officers and government, and people even, there is the Country herself, your country and that you belong to her as you belong to your own Mother. Stand by her,"

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boy, as you would stand by your own Mother."

Then he whispered, "Oh, if anybody had said so to me when I was of your age."

During his last 15 years, Nolan aged very fast, but he remained the same gentle, uncomplaining, silent sufferer that he ever was, bearing as best he could his self-appointed punishment.

### DEATH COMES

Nolan lay on his berth, looking very pale. He called his friend Danforth to his side. In his room he had painted a flag of the United States with 34 stars on it. They represented the only states he knew. The last was Ohio. "Here," he said, "you see I have a country," as he pointed to a map at the foot of his bed. The map showed only 34 states as he remembered them. "Oh, Danforth," he said, "I know I am dying. I cannot go home. Surely you will tell me something now."

I told him of old Abe Lincoln, and the capitol in Washington and the Statue of Crawford's Liberty, and about all the grandeur and prosperity of his country. Then he asked me for his Prayer book. He repeated with me, "For ourselves and our country, Oh gracious God we thank Thee — Thou has continued to us Thy marvelous kindness — Most heartily we beseech Thee with Thy favor to bless Thy servant, the President of the United States." Danforth, I have repeated those prayers night and morning for 55 years." Then he said he would go to sleep. He kissed me and said, "Look in my Bible, Danforth, when I am gone." He passed away with a smile.

We looked in his Bible, and on a slip of paper he had written, "Bury me in the sea; it has been my home and I love it. But will not someone set up a stone for my memory at Fort Adams or at Orleans — and say on it — "In memory of Philip Nolan, Lieutenant in the Army of the United States. He loved his country as no other man has loved her; but no man deserved less at her hands."

### IN CONCLUSION

#### THE SHIP OF STATE

Thou, too, sail on, O Ship of State!

Sail on, O Union, strong and great!  
Humanity with all its fears,  
With all the hopes of future years,  
Is hanging breathless on thy fate!  
We know what Master laid thy keel,  
What Workmen wrought thy ribs of steel,  
Who made each mast, and sail, and rope,  
What anvils rang, what hammers beat,  
In what a forge and what a heat  
Were shaped the anchors of thy hope!  
Fear not each sudden sound and shock,  
'Tis of the wave and not the rock;  
'Tis but the flapping of the sail,  
And not a rent made by the gale!  
In spite of rock and tempest's roar,  
In spite of false lights on the shore,  
Sail on, nor fear to breast the sea!  
Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee,  
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers,  
our tears,  
Our faith triumphant o'er our fears,  
Are all with thee — are all with thee!

— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Today in the world we have more countries under *Communism*, and under domination of foreign countries and *dictators* than at any time in the history of Civilization.

*Israel*, the home of Jesus, the Savior, is fighting for its very life to enable the Jews to have a home and Country. For hundreds of years the Jews have been a people without a Country. Today the Jews will fight to the death in Israel to have a home and a Country of their own. On Golan Heights in April 1976 we saw the challenge of the Syrians against the Israelis; their armies being only 400 yards apart facing each other. I spoke to a young Israeli soldier who was at the front. I introduced myself as an American from the United States. He showed me his gun. It was made in Connecticut. I said, "America will stand by you." He said, "God bless you Americans."

The U.S.A. is our home and our Country. It is the greatest nation in the history of mankind. I pray that we will *love* it, *cherish* the freedoms that are ours and pray for it each day, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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## THE RIGHT TO WRITE IS RIGHT

### ERA Discounted

I am wholeheartedly opposed to the Equal Rights Amendment. I find it difficult to conceive of any individual who would debase womankind to the level of men. After only a few days in the military, I observed how quickly men appeared more uncouth in manner and appearance sans the hallowing influence of the gentler sex.

I am a firm believer that the day of the feminine woman is not very far away. One woman is worth twenty men. Men learn from women. Women seldom learn from men. Men's first teachers are women: their mothers.

Plato said wisely, "The gods have already given women so much power over men, they wisely limited woman's political ascendancy." I concur with this and likewise with Chief Justice Holmes when he declared: "In Holy Writ we read of Sons of Perdition but never of Daughters of Perdition. They stood the supreme test in Heaven and we may look to them for bright direction here."

I recognize a great difference between men and women and personally I wish to say: Vive la Difference!

— Harold C. Christensen

Our ancestors weren't so backward. They could turn hay into fuel and go to town on homemade horsepower. "Sunshine Magazine," February 1977

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## DISCONTENTMENT — GOOD OR EVIL

by George B. Everton, Sr.

There is a green-eyed monster who is ever ready to snatch us up, infect our hearts with his venom, then pour two or three more poisons into our lives and finally entangle and enmesh us until we can never break loose from his grip except by superhuman effort.

The green-eyed monster, as you probably already know, is the terrible, malignant plague JEALOUSY. His partners in crime are envy and spite. And probably the worst of all evils connected with jealousy is discontent, because it seems so insignificant. The trouble with it is that it is the breeding ground for so many other weaknesses. In fact, discontent probably turns to jealousy rather than the other way around. It also fosters hate, evil-mindedness, misconduct, corruption, and other vices.

However, to its credit, discontent can be a force for good in our lives if it is used properly. It has been the potent force back of the mother of invention. It has raised many a Lincoln from obscurity and poverty to great heights. The blessings it has brought are innumerable. It even played a part in the restoration of the gospel. Had Joseph Smith been content with one or more of the religious elements around him he never would have sought for help. But to satisfy his discontent he asked for help and received it.

Scientific inventions by the thousands could be mentioned which came into being because someone was discontented and wanted to improve their lot and the lot of mankind.

On the other hand, many fall into the trap of letting discontent lead them to the wrong side of the tracks. Youngsters, for instance, have at times thrown tantrums when Santa didn't leave everything on their unreasonable list. Their discontent might have been mild at first and then flared from one height to another. What a sorry plight these individuals will find themselves in if this attitude is carried through life.

How thankful we should be that our pioneer ancestors put the characteristic or element of discontent in the right place. They took big strides for us. They gained the upper hand over the harsh tumbling mountains

and the desolate, apparently untenable valleys and subdued them to our blessing. We enjoy the fruits of their handiwork as well as filial blessings.

No, they were not perfect. They probably even had jealousies, envyings, covetousness and contentions, most of which stemmed way back from discontentments. But like us they knew the repentance path, and like us they could follow that path or leave it. To follow it produces good fruit — yesterday, today, tomorrow. Leaving it brings sorrow, regrets and misery.

By their good fruits we know them. Will our fruits be as profitable? Will we keep our discontentments where they belong, on the right side of the track, putting them to work improving little things and big?

Be discontented with yourself. Challenge yourself every day to do better. Do things that are socially worthwhile, making life better for others, and your discontent will be your greatest blessing.

"Time," said Henry Van Dyke, "is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice. But for those who love, time is not."

Discontentment can make or break your love affair.

## Appointment Made for Life Membership Committee

As was reported in our last issue, Alvin C. Hull and his wife have been called to serve in the Utah Salt Lake Mission. They are now located at the visitors' center on the St. George Temple grounds.

Alvin has been on the Life Membership Committee and was active in this work. Because of his new assignment, however, it was felt that he should be released and another chosen in his place. The name of Theris P. Astle of the Temple Fork Chapter was presented and approved at the last board meeting to fill this position for the remainder of Elder Hull's term.

## Devereaux House — To Be Saved or Not To Be Saved?

As we write this article there is debate going on in the Utah House of Representatives as to whether Utah's first mansion should be restored by the state or be left for further deterioration. By the time you read this the issue will have been decided. We sincerely hope the law will be passed providing the needed funds — \$700,000 — to buy and start restoration on this old mansion, first built in 1857. It was the center of Salt Lake City's social life until after the turn of the century and the place where greats and near-greats of the world were entertained as they visited Utah.

If the legislature does not provide the funds for this important preservation of the past and improvement of an area in the city that needs upgrading, other means should be instituted to take over and do the job.

*"Imagine, the transformation of the west end of South Temple Street anchored on one end by Temple Square and the Salt Palace and on the other by the U.P. Depot and a sparkling renovation of Devereaux House."*

*"As the Salt Palace has already shown, a wise investment by government can spur private interest to greatly enhance an area's value. In that sense, the state might consider its investment as 'seed money' in starting a chain reaction to upgrade a vital section of the state's capital city."* (From the *Deseret News* editorial January 28, 1977)

The Sons of Utah Pioneers are interested in our links to the past, especially in the old prominent homes and buildings constructed by our ancestors, the pioneers. Again we say, we hope the law made it through the House and the Senate and is now signed into law by Governor Scott Matheson.

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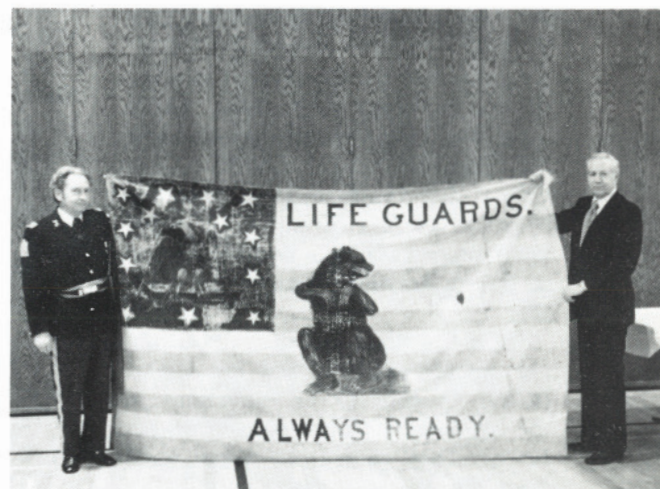
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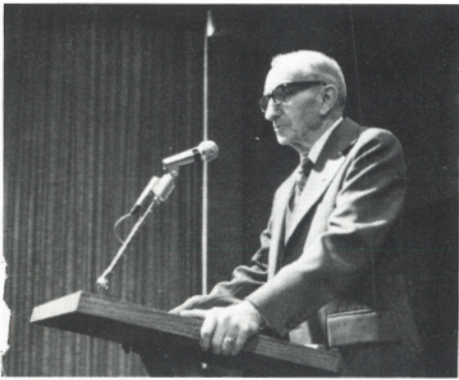
The pictures here displayed attest to the success of the Annual Seminar and banquet which was held this year to assist new officers of the chapters and national organization in recognizing the glorious, golden opportunities they have to serve their fellow men by helping them realize how the ideals of the SUP are practical standards of excellence.

In picture No. 1 President and President-elect, Wes and Oliver, confer at the podium in the afternoon meeting. Picture No. 2 shows Oliver as he addresses the group. No. 3 is a fine picture of a fine man, George Lloyd, our ever helpful and congenial Executive Secretary. No. 4 is a composite picture — two pictures brought together to make one — of the Sons and their partners as they were ready to be served a generous, homelike meal.

Dropping back to the left hand column in picture No. 5, President Wesley







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Reese gives a word of welcome from the head table. No. 6 looks in on the partners as they assemble in the Relief Society room for an entertaining program (see Min Wiseman's article). And No. 7 is a picture of Lurene Gates Wilkinson and her cousin Florence Marie Gates Stamm as they tell the story of Susa Young Gates in word and song.

Picture No. 8 looks like a plain ordinary box with a hinged lid, but the story of this box is fantastic. At one time it belonged to Alvin Smith, the brother of Joseph Smith, Jr., and his name is carved into the edge of the front board. Hyrum Smith inherited the box on the death of his brother Alvin, and when Joseph came into possession of the gold plates it was loaned to him to keep the plates in until he could get one made especially for them. This well-made, dove-tailed box has been held with great reverence and care by the Smith Family and was displayed at the seminar by Elder Eldred G. Smith, Patriarch to the Church and a great-grandson of Hyrum Smith. (Eldred, incidentally, is our Chaplain for the National Board SUP.)

Brother Smith also brought another of his priceless possessions for display



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at the seminar — a flag that was used by the Mormon Battalion on its unprecedented, slow, torturing march across the deserts of the south. Shown in picture No. 9, it is held by Col. Elmer B. Jones and Elder Smith. It is presumed that the bear on the face of the flag was painted there after the arrival of the Battalion in California, the bear being the symbol of that state. After being brought to Salt Lake it was presented to President Brigham

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## Wives of SUP Spend Delightful Afternoon

by Min Wiseman

On the 22nd of January and under the direction of Ken and Min Wiseman, 36 wives of national officers, chapter presidents and presidents-elect met in the Relief Society room of the Garden Heights Ward on Fishers Lane in Salt Lake City from three to six p.m.

We pledged allegiance to our flag, sang all the verses of the pioneer song, "They the Builders of the Nation" and heard a beautiful prayer by Mildred Allred, wife of Clay Allred, president of the South Davis Chapter.

For the next hour we all enjoyed the story in word and original music of the life of Susa Young Gates. This was performed beautifully by her two lovely granddaughters, Lurene Gates Wilkinson (who wrote the script) and Florence Marie Gates, who did the singing and also helped the most talented Lois Jenke compose the music.

Among the thrilling incidents they portrayed in the life of Susa Young Gates were the following: She was the first baby born in the Lion House in 1856. From a very early age she developed her talents in music and literature. She wrote poetry, stories, and lesson manuals. She was active in civic affairs and in education. It was almost unbelievable that one person could accomplish so very much and do it so well. She had a happy marriage to Jacob Gates. They had 13 children but lost eight of them. Of those they raised, the ones we all remember best were B. Cecil, Emma Lucy and Leah D. Widtsoe. Sister Gates lived to the age of 77.

As an additional crown on her illustrious head she was awarded in 1976 the honor of being the outstanding woman in Utah History. What a life well spent and what a lovely posterity remain behind to do her honor! The narration was lively and full of both mirth and pathos, and Flori's singing was exactly right. The background

music by Lois Janke was superb. Flori ended this special hour by singing B. Cecil's "I Know that My Redeemer Lives," which brought a tear to many an eye.

The last hour of our afternoon we sat breathless as we listened to Brother George Z. Aposhian tell the story of the conversion of his family in Armenia — their persecutions, their hardships in trying to come to Utah, the wonderful testimonies they all had and the many "miracles" that have happened in their family throughout the many years.

With George's beautiful closing testimony our afternoon was over and we joined our husbands for a delicious dinner at tables which had been beautifully decorated by Louise Nielson and Ethel Sorenson.

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## Seminar Success

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Young, and he in turn gave it to an organization called "Life Guards." They had been organized on a basis similar to our National Guard, being prepared at all times to step into any situation where trouble was brewing. They painted across the top of the flag "Life Guards" and at the bottom their slogan, "Always Ready." It could be that this flag was the one hoisted over Fort Moore when the Battalion took possession of the territory in the name of the United States; however, this has not been proven. Brother Smith would be grateful if anyone locating information regarding the flag that was used on that occasion would communicate with him.

Picture No. 10 shows the artifacts which Elder Smith was kind enough to bring for display at the seminar. Besides the box and flag he also brought the clothing which was worn by Hyrum Smith as the murderers riddled his body with shot. Also included was a watch and other memorabilia — the property of Hyrum.

Our President-elect, Oliver Smith, examines pioneer articles in No. 11 which were used to add to the wonderful decorations on the banquet tables. Ken and Min Wiseman, Phil and Bernice Robbins, Ethel Sorensen and Louise Nielsen had charge of arrangements.

One of the most dedicated teams of Sons is our National Board. On the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. you will find them assembled to plan, report and conduct the business of our society. Shown in picture No. 12, they are a dedicated, congenial group always on the alert to make SUP bigger and better.

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## PLANS FOR FUTURE ISSUES

It was decided at the last meeting of the National Board that it would be advantageous to outline a program for articles, advertising sales and features for several issues in advance for our magazine. This would make it possible for stories to be prepared in advance on areas where the pioneers left their prints and to tie these stories in with the activities of the SUP chapters of that locality. Advertising could also be solicited from merchants, government units, schools, etc. to give a boost to all our programs and activities.

This issue will highlight a report on the Annual Seminar for Presidents which was held January 22, changes contemplated in the annual awards program, the chartering of new chapters and the increase of membership.

The May-June issue will take us to East Millcreek for their 100th Anniversary Celebration. The Sugar House and Holladay chapters will be invited to join in this issue to make it an outstanding account of their area. Final plans for the Annual Encampment will also be listed, enabling members to make ready for this important event.

Because the encampment is to be held in Salt Lake City this year, we will feature the chapters and history of this locale in the July-August *Pioneer*. Many possibilities arise as we contemplate the hundreds of facets of pioneer activities that took place at the end of the trail of the Utah Pioneers.

Our next printing, September-October, has been chosen by the Utah County chapters for their special issue. This is another region that is rich in pioneer lore and will lend itself to broad, historic interest.

No definite assignments have been made beyond the September-October bi-monthly publication. Chapters are invited to make reservations for any issue that would tie in with a special event they would like to publicize. Or, if you don't have anything special as far as a date is concerned, choose one of the issues and we'll do our best to give every chapter of your region a write-up that will boost your chapters and SUP. Send your applications to the National Office or to George B. Everton, Sr., 123 2nd Avenue, #701, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102. Tell us

## Barkers of Brigham City Celebrate 60th

Mr. and Mrs. Claude R. Barker of Brigham City observed their 60th wedding anniversary January 10, 1977. Less than a month previously, December 13, she had observed her 80th birthday, and he had been honored at a family dinner party January 8 as he celebrated his 83rd birthday. "We're still in love," was the comment of Claude as he contemplated their full and blessed life since that long-ago day.

Mrs. Barker confides that they have both suffered serious illnesses and didn't expect to reach these goals, but are happy to be residing in their cozy home at 154 South Third East and enjoying the simple pleasures of home, church and family that they've treasured through the years.

### In the Temple

It was on January 10, 1917, that Claude R. Barker and Iva Nelson set out on the old Bamberger Line inter-urban railroad to Salt Lake City, where they exchanged their wedding vows in the Salt Lake LDS temple.

Both are natives of this area. Mrs. Barker was born December 13, 1896, to Lars P. Nelson and Eliza Reeder of Brigham City. Claude is the son of John Orson Barker and Annie M. Johnson and was born January 8, 1894, in Willard. Both attended local schools.

Upon returning to Brigham City after their marriage, they settled on the farm he had obtained northwest of the city in 1915. He managed a dairy farm, planted row crops, and raised fruit. Both were active in the Farm Bureau in many positions.

### Active in Church

Despite the fact that he had to drive her six miles to church and eight miles to Brigham City, Mrs. Barker served in all the church auxiliaries but Primary. This often meant "double time" for him, as he also served in many church positions throughout the years including MIA activity counselor and president.

when and why and we'll get you on the list of the long-range planning program for *The Pioneer*.



*Claude and Iva Nelson Barker*

In recent years, the Barkers have been particularly active in genealogical and temple work, having done work in nine LDS temples. They worked for 17 years on the Old Folks committee, planning outings to Lagoon, parties, and holiday dinners.

After moving into Brigham City about 24 years ago, they continued their church activities. Both were born of pioneer parents and have been active in the Sons of Utah Pioneers and Daughters of Utah Pioneers. He played a part in the Golden Spike reenactment for many years.

Their early years of marriage were pioneers years living on a ranch with no electricity and only a well for water.

Claude served under Adolph Reader in the SUP for several years and then took Adolph's place as president of the Box Elder Chapter. Iva has been associated with the DUP.

They worked together as missionaries in the Tabernacle in Brigham City and have served in many other positions of trust in the church and community.

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# CHAPTER NEWS

## Temple Quarry

In January the Temple Quarry Chapter held their monthly meeting at the Jordan Ell Reception Center in West Jordan. This fine center is owned by Brother and Sister Ray Smith, members of the chapter. It is lovely and a fitting place for chapter dinners to be held each month. Everyone is invited to come join in the lovely meal and program — it is potluck, so if you can come, just bring something to eat, your plates and eating utensils. Come have a happy time!

Lee and Selma Watts, recently returned from a mission in Guatemala, were guest speakers of great interest. They had some beautiful slides of the people and scenery in that lovely country that is just recovering from a devastating earthquake.

Another delicious dinner was held on February 10, 1977, followed by a most interesting program. President-elect Gene Drake was in charge of this program and as he was stationed in Korea during the war, he had many slides of the people and country taken while he was there quite a few years ago. These were shown and compared to the ones taken recently by Elder Wayne Palmer, returned missionary. When Brother Drake was in that country it was war-torn and there was not one member of the church there; now Elder Palmer reports that there are 10,000 members of the church in Korea and that the country is building itself back, the trees are growing and it is once more becoming a lovely land. Elder Palmer sang many beautiful songs in the Korean language.

Membership certificates were presented to many new members by secretary-treasurer Russell Stocking, and guests were introduced and invited to become members. There were 101 in attendance that evening. Sisters Elma Johnson and Thella Hunter were in charge of music and singing of the theme song, "Come, Come Ye Saints." In attendance also and giving short talks were past-president Adolph Johnson and National vice president Phil Robbins with their wives. Brother Robbins expressed enjoyment for the lovely evening and the friendliness of the chapter. Brother and Sister Lyle Webster were also in attendance at this

## Sierra Chapter

The Sierra Chapter met January 20, 1977 and heard a presentation by Austin Hunt of his recent trip to Israel.

The election and installation of officers for 1977 were also accomplished. The following will serve for the year: president, Grant Ursenbach; first vice president, Gil Holland; second vice president, Mance Vaught; secretary-treasurer, D. Jay Thurman; historian, Bill Covington; chaplain, I. Homer Smith; directors, Ben Lofgren, Max Smart, Allan Wooley, Evan Perkins, Duane Ford, Ray Willis, Ivan Anderson, Harold Snow, Fred Willyard and Rowland Malzahn.

The chapter is expecting to meet at BUFFET EXCELLENCE for their meeting on February 26. Nephi "Cap" Hacken will be the featured speaker.

SAM BRANNAN PLAQUE — Evan Perkins and committee have worked out the suggested wording for this project; however, the Sacramento County Historical Committee has recommended that no plaques of any kind be placed in Old Sacramento. Efforts are being pursued to overturn this policy in order that our project may be completed.



*Marlon and Mary Bateman*



*Past-president J. C. Richards handing brass chapter bell to new president Jack Eldredge, with president-elect Gene Drake looking on.*

## Young Men Chapters Being Organized

The exuberance and vigor of youth will be felt in new chapters that are well on their way to charter presentations. At the University of Utah twelve young men have signed applications for membership. They are being sponsored by the East Millcreek Chapter, which is also sponsoring a chapter of young men who have chosen the name "Mount Olympus" for their organization. Eighteen prospective members met at the Holiday Bank guest meeting room to choose temporary officers and sign applications.

At Brigham Young University a "Temple Hill" chapter is being set up. Students are being invited to join. They will have a going group within weeks.

Some years ago Pleasant Grove Sons were organized and meeting regularly, but for various reasons the chapter dropped out. It is now being revitalized and set up with new officers and members. The Brigham Young Chapter is behind both the Pleasant Grove and the Temple Hill Chapters.

Congratulations to all concerned. What is your chapter doing to spread the good word of SUP benefits to communities and individuals? We all want success and we can have it. But, to fail at something proper and uplifting far surpasses success in being a useless void. Put in a plug for SUP every day. It sure is lots of fun trying. Grand, enduring success will come if you just try hard enough.

meeting, and it was a blessing that they could join with us after his recent serious illness.

The chapter was deeply honored by the attendance, also, of Brother and Sister Marlon Bateman, both of them in good health now after his very serious illness, and both of them looking younger than ever. He is a charter member and was the very first president of this great chapter which was organized June 13, 1956. Pictures were taken by LaGrand Asay.

Trek Chairman Glen Greenwood finalized plans for the Yellowstone Trek to be taken during the month of February by some forty members and guests.



# AND VIEWS

## Company E Mormon Battalion

Veron Curtis, National Vice President from Lehi, submitted a clipping from the "Lehi Free Press" telling about the activities of the SUP and MB in that area during 1976. The article starts with this Statement: *"The United States Mormon Battalion and the Sons of Utah Pioneers cast a backward glance and reminisce a bit along the trail through 1976. As we look back, we have mixed emotions; when we see what we did and what we could have done."*

It then related how their groups participated in Utah Statehood Day; the Flagpole Dedication at the Mormon Battalion Memorial in San Diego; marching in the Tucson, Arizona four-mile parade; Sunrise Flag Ceremony at the State Capitol and then Pioneer Village at Lagoon; taking part in the Lehi Rodeo Parade; gathering at the Salt Lake Tabernacle for the sunrise service of the Days of '47 celebration; attending the SUP annual encampment at Brigham Young University; the U.S. Mormon Battalion Bicentennial salute to the nation, "March Across Our Land"; the trek to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and then following the trail of the Mormon Battalion to San Diego, Sacramento and back to Salt Lake.

The article closed with this paragraph, *"Now at the close of 1976 we recognize the fact that we need new recruits in the SUP and USMB."*

Good work, Lehi! Now go to it and get those recruits.



Front row (left to right) in uniform: Virgil Petersen, Veron Curtis, George Ricks, Jay Cox, Suel Bushman. Back row, Lloyd Strasburg, Sterling Merrell, Bill Hutchings, Harold Hutchings, Randall Schow, Leon Taylor.

## Mt. Ogden Elects Officers

The Mt. Ogden Chapter started the new year of 1977 on January 12th at the Mansion House with another delightful dinner and election of new officers for the coming year. An outstanding talk was given by Mark Stuart about the Uintah and South Weber area when it was a thriving community of over 100 businesses and many families at the time when the Union Pacific Railroad was being laid and many Indians were in the area. Mr. Stuart was a history student while going through school and worked as an archaeologist for the Government in the summer. Although a young man, he has spent many hours in research and study and gave a very interesting and informative account of the era.

New officers elected for the 1977 year are Robert Jackson, president; Dr. William Egbert, first vice president (1978 president-elect); Ben Plowgian, second vice president; Carl Walker, secretary; Grant Maw, treasurer; and George Ford, historian.

A planning meeting was held later at the home of President Jackson to outline and plan for the coming year's meetings and treks. Another great year is looked forward to with a challenge given each member to bring a new member into the chapter.

## It Was "Meet and Eat" for the Mormon Battalion

Company A of the U.S. Mormon Battalion met on January 21 for a program and pot-luck supper. Both were delicious.

The variety of the casseroles, salads and desserts equalled a professional smorgasborg. Most any epicure would have delighted in the abundant, toothsome and tempting fare — and it was all strictly pot luck.

Joseph and Barbara Nelson showed slides and gave an interesting narration of their experiences as they served as missionaries in the Cumberland Mountains of Maryland. Joseph is over 80 years and Barbara is not far behind. Their enthusiasm, wit and vigor added to the delightful presentation.

It was reported by Col. Sheldon Brewster that Claude Lemon had passed away the previous week.

Rudolph Christiansen conducted the proceedings. There were about 45 present.

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# CHAPTER NEWS AND VIEWS, continued

## Another Pioneer-Rich Area to Have SUP Chapter

Community leaders of Bennion and Taylorsville, Salt Lake County, sensitive to their rich pioneer heritage, met with officers of the East Millcreek Chapter SUP to form a new chapter in the national organization. The East Millcreek chapter, as the sponsoring chapter, matched the enthusiasm of the local brethren in foreseeing a promising SUP chapter in this west valley area.

Participating in this first meeting, held at the Four Lakes Golf Course Club House 14 February 1977, were Joy Dunyon, Joseph Brown, Emmett Morris, Pierce Bringham and John J. Nielsen of the EMC chapter. Talks were given by each of the officers as a part of the agenda where sixteen were present and a group of thirty were committed for future membership in this new organization.

The following were nominated as functioning temporary officers: J. Elbert Bennion of Taylorsville as president; Glenn Mackay, president-elect; Winston Palmer of Bennion as first vice president; and Everett Wood as second vice president. Clifford Harker, Merrill Nelson and Rulon Mackay were selected as directors and Owen Frame as secretary and treasurer.

### EARLY SETTLEMENT

It was in September-October of 1847 that the area of the Salt Lake Valley west of Thirty-third-Forty-eighth south was known as *Harker's Settlement* from Joseph Harker of England, pioneer to the area. The land west of the Jordan River was known as *Over Jordan* and *Field's Bottom*. By 1850 permanent settlement was made by an impressive list of early settlers that included Joseph Harker, John Bennion, Samuel Bennion, Robert Pixton, Jacob Butterfield (both members of the Mormon Battalion), Archibald Frame, John Webster, Llewellyn Mantle, William H. Haigh, Abram Todd, Alfonso Morris, William Parker, Homer Brown, Samuel Bringham, a Mr. Brockholt, Burr Frost, Charles Player and George Moses.

Archibald Gardner, a Scotsman, built a two-and-one-half mile channel in the area to receive the first sawmill,

Matthew Gaunt built the first woolen mill, and John Webster was the first blacksmith and postmaster. It seems that the right pioneers came to this choice valley location for they soon established industries, church buildings and schools where the three "R's," music, art and dramatics were taught by gifted instructors. A permanent and lasting settlement was not to be denied to Bennion and Taylorsville.

For those of us who have friends or relatives in this area call J. Elbert Bennion, 266-5693, or Winston Palmer, 266-0549, for further information. Their pioneers made a success of their settlement; let's help their descendants make a success of a new SUP chapter in their honor.

— E. Kay Kirkham

## NEW FACILITY FOR DESERET MORTUARY

The Deseret Mortuary, one of our long-time advertisers, dedicated a new chapel at Lake Hills Memorial Park, 10055 South State Street, Sandy. State and city officials participated in the open house and dedicatory service which was held 14 and 15 January 1977. Dr. Harry L. Gibbons, M. D., Director of Health for Salt Lake City-County, offered the prayer.

Congratulations and good wishes.

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## Sugarhouse Chapter

Sugarhouse Chapter held their opening 1977 meeting at the Village on January 24. Officers for the new year were presented: George A. McClellan, president; Joseph G. Jeppson, president-elect; Alvin G. Pack, vice president; John A. Larson, vice president; W. Phillip Robbins, past president; Guy Anderson, treasurer; Clyde N. Hatch, secretary; Glen G. Williams, chaplain; Birknell C. Robbins, membership; Dr. C. R. Cornwall, historian; Schley L. Brown, publicity; Rollow C. Kimball, treks; Ernest C. Earl, Pioneer Village.

A delicious meal was served to members and their ladies.

Former governor Herbert B. Maw, a member of the Sugarhouse Chapter, gave a beautiful and powerful talk on "The Lives of the Apostles of Jesus Christ."

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# THE PIONEERS AS AMERICAN CITIZENS

by President Ezra Taft Benson

## PART III

Despite their poverty and the pain of all they had endured, the Mormons continued their faith in God and in the free principles upon which America was founded. They toiled to raise their city. Within five short years, they had transformed the swampland into the beautiful city — Nauvoo. It was the largest city in the state and, indeed, it was the finest city on the American frontier.

But, as the city grew, so did the same old fears, jealousies, and hatreds. The local citizens of Illinois, who had deplored the treatment of the Mormons in Missouri and had extended a sympathetic welcome to the refugees only a few short years before, were now enraged against the Mormons. Mobocracy ruled again. Appeals to Illinois Governor Ford went unheeded. The Prophet Joseph and his brother Hyrum were jailed in Carthage and there, without protection from the governor, they were murdered by the mob.

The mantle of leadership fell upon Brigham Young, who, along with the other leaders of the Church, determined to move the Saints to the West. Again, despite all the ugly experiences, the Mormons maintained their faith in the Almighty and remained loyal to America.

The exodus from Nauvoo commenced in February 1846, in the midst of severe winter weather. There were many hardships and privations; there was sickness and there was death. But the spirit of mutual service and co-operation prevailed. Temporary settlements were constructed along the way and a few families were left at each one to care for crops to be harvested by the companies that followed.

May I give you here what to me is an interesting sidelight. Just before the expulsion of the Saints from Nauvoo, my great-grandfather, whose name I proudly bear as his oldest great-grandson, met Brigham Young on the street in Nauvoo. President Young said, in substance, "Brother Benson, there is no peace here. No peace for us. We must move again. I would like you to go in the first company." Great-grandfather responded, "President Young, I will be glad to follow you anywhere. However, I have no conveyance of any kind. All I own is a new

brick home and a lot, neither one of which I have been able to sell. Do you have any suggestions?" Brigham Young said, "Yes — go down the street and ask every man you meet to give you some help until you get a conveyance."

Great-grandfather met the first man, who loaned him a horse. The second man loaned him a horse and a double harness. A third one sold him a wagon. Then he said he sold his wife's pioneer shawls to buy canvas for a wagon cover. Then, putting some cornmeal, sugar, and a few other food items in the back of the wagon, they left Nauvoo, leaving the furniture standing in their home, and looked back on the beautiful temple where great-grandfather and his two wives had been officiating night and day

giving blessings to the Saints. Both women were expecting babies.

The first gave birth to her child a few days later at their first stop in Sugar Creek in wintery February. A rude shelter was held over the mother at the time of the delivery. The baby passed away a few days later. The second wife gave birth to her baby in a wagon box on the trail at Garden Grove, Iowa. This baby was my grandfather, George T. Benson.

Typical of the spirit of the women, my great-grandfather, after they had reached Winter Quarters, near Omaha, where he was ordained a member of the Twelve, commenting on his wives, said, "Never at any time did I hear a murmur from their lips."

*(End of Part III. To be continued.)*

## A CHOICE HERITAGE

by Schley L. Brown, Sugarhouse Chapter

When I think I am being abused and things are not as good for me as I think I deserve, the best remedy I can think of is to turn the calendar back about one hundred and twenty years.

At the moment I am thinking of a small Company of Handcart Pioneers. These determined and completely converted people had invested everything they had to equip themselves for their trip to the Salt Lake Valley.

They got a late start, but made good progress and were tired yet happy after each day's travel. Early in November they left Fort Bridger, Wyoming, trying to beat a storm they could feel was coming. That night the storm came with a vengeance. It snowed all night, and the wind blew without letting up. They found their equipment no match for such a storm. These beautiful people were stalled and appeared to be doomed.

In Salt Lake City President Brigham's attention was called to their awful plight. He immediately called for volunteers to organize and outfit a rescue party. This company of well-equipped wagons and men left the next morning. Being experienced, they knew they had to make as many miles as possible each day. Every extra day could mean extra lives lost. They arrived at the little camp site on the fourth day. The driver of the lead wagon looked

down at the pitiful little groups huddled around their campfires. The driver stopped near a small camp and got down to talk to them. A young woman sat near the fire holding her husband's head in her lap. He could hear her sobbing softly as she rocked back and forth. When the driver spoke to her the young woman looked up and said, "My husband is deathly sick. Our two children are in the tent; would you look at them, please?"

The rescuer opened the tent and saw the two children huddled close together trying to keep warm. The little girl said to him, "My little brother hasn't had any food for two days." The rescuer got food for them and bundled them up a little better. By the time he got back to the young mother her husband had passed away. Together the two wrapped the body as best they could and waited until morning. When daylight came they found the ground frozen deep and too hard to dig a grave. The best they could do was dig a grave back in a big snow drift. There were many others who had to be buried in the same manner.

No time was lost that morning in clearing the camp and making the survivors as comfortable as possible. The wagons then headed back towards Salt Lake City. It was noted by the

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## Old Records Come to Light

Hardly a day goes by in our country that does not bring to light either the saving or the destruction of valuable records of the past. Some old tax records stretching back to the 1850's and 1860's were recently headed for the Salt Lake City dump but were rescued by Newel Knight, former Salt Lake City historian.

The five books that were retrieved are interesting reading from many angles. Just to consider the amounts paid and those who were delinquent is entertaining. Genealogy-wise they are jewels, as they not only mention the prominent and outstanding citizens of the day but include practically every male resident of the city.

According to the *Deseret News* article on this find, anyone interested in obtaining copies of the pages in the five books should contact Newel Knight at 335 East 3rd South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111.

## Heritage

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driver that neither the little mother nor the children uttered one word of complaint or regret for their unfortunate experience.

This brave mother and her two children had little difficulty fitting into their new homeland. With determination, faith and love for each other and their new home they did very well. Many successful people to this day can boast of these people as their ancestors.

## C. Allen Jorgensen

C. Allen Jorgensen, 71, of Huntsville, died December 8, 1976, of cancer at his home, 129 South 7200 East. Mr. Jorgensen was born February 20, 1905, in Huntsville, a son of John Hans and Emma Allen Jorgensen. He married Mae Rawlins in the Logan LDS Temple December 23, 1932. Employed by the Utah State Road Commission, he operated heavy-duty equipment for 25 years. He obtained his education in the Huntsville schools and lived all his life in Huntsville. As a member of the Huntsville First Ward he served a mission to the Southern States and had been an officer and teacher in many of the church organizations. He was a member of the Jefferson Hunt Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

He is survived by his widow of Huntsville; one son: Allen R., Bountiful; two daughters: Mrs. James (Ruth) Hamblin, Roosevelt and Mrs. Robert (Donna Mae) Hurst, Brigham City. Also surviving are one brother, Howard, of Huntsville and a sister, Mrs. Orba Larsen, Logan.

# Chapter Eternal

## Willard Rogers

Willard D. Rogers, 74, 743 Sunrise Avenue, former assistant vice president of Zions First National Bank, died January 25, 1977, at his home.

Mr. Rogers was employed by Zions Bank for 49 years, retiring in 1968. He was a former manager of the bank's Fifth Avenue branch.

A past president of the Salt Lake Chapter of the American Institute of Banking, Mr. Rogers was also the former owner of Purity Warehouse, Pioneer Moving and Storage and a partner in Rogers Land and Livestock.

Born October 19, 1902, in Pueblo, Colorado to Ruvy Willard and Andria Martina Dagsen Rogers, he married Arlene Brain in the Salt Lake LDS Temple Oct. 28, 1927.

Mr. Rogers was an officer in the Sons of Utah Pioneers and a member of the Bonneville Knife and Fork Club.

An active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Mr. Rogers is survived by his widow, three sons and one daughter, Willard B., Edward B., Howard B., and Mrs. George D. (Patricia) Reed, all of Salt Lake City; a daughter, Shawna Anne Rogers, preceded him in death. He also is survived by 15 grandchildren.

## Robert Clarence Lichfield

BRIGHAM CITY — Robert Clarence Litchfield, 83, died February 1, 1977, of natural causes. Born April 23, 1893, Goshen, Utah, to Joseph Thomas and Annie Matilda Till Lichfield. Married Vinna Haws June 17, 1916, in the Salt Lake City Temple. She died December 30, 1953. Married Wanda Bowden Richardson December 17, 1954.

He was a retired vocational agricultural teacher and farmer. Received bachelor of science degree in horticulture from BYU and his masters degree from Utah State University, Logan. Taught at Granite, Woodstock and Cyprus high schools. Also taught in Etna, Wyoming, and Star Valley High School in Aspen, Wyoming. Active LDS Church member. Served Texas-Louisiana Mission. Held other church offices. Member Brigham City 12th Ward High Priest Quorum.

He was a member of the SUP and Mormon Battalion and with his son Howard attended most of the treks and conventions until he became incapacitated. He supported the Boy Scout movement, being one of the first scoutmasters. He was active in law enforcement as a police officer and member of the Star Valley Militia. One of his friends said of him, "He was a humble man."

Survivors: widow; five sons and one daughter; 9 step-children; 89 grandchildren; 69 great-grandchildren; two brothers and one sister.

## Dr. S. Eugene Dalton

Dr. S. Eugene Dalton, 83, of 15 North 500 East, Provo, died of cancer Friday, February 4, 1977, at Central Utah Convalescent Center in Orem.

Dr. Dalton was born August 13, 1893, in Springville, a son of Simon Eugene and Jane Elizabeth Huntington Dalton. He married Helen Barnet on November 8, 1953, and she died.

He married Thelma Dudley Johnson and they were later divorced.

Dr. Dalton graduated from Springville High School and Brigham Young University. Later he graduated from the University of Utah and received his M.D. degree in 1924 from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia.

He received many honors in his field, including Founder Member of the International Bronchoesophagological Association in 1951. In 1958 he received the Medical Society of Atlantic County Distinguished Service Award.

BYU Alumni Association gave its Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Dalton in 1971. He moved to Provo in 1965 after retiring. Dr. Dalton was in the high priests quorum. He was also a member of the George A. Smith Chapter of the SUP.

Survivors include one daughter: Mrs. Robert (Sondra) Denny, Annapolis, Md.; three grandchildren; and one brother, Oliver S. Dalton, Springville.

## Glenn C. Lewis

LAYTON — Glen C. Lewis, age 62, of 537 Coates Avenue, Layton, died Tuesday, January 18, 1977, in an Ogden hospital. Born November 23, 1914, Heber City, Utah, to Rowe and Sara Evelyn Ivie Lewis. Married Louis Ruth Burgener, April 11, 1939. Later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. He had been employed as an accountant for the LDS Church for the past 13 years. Before that he had worked at Hill Air Force Base. Member of the Layton 9th LDS Ward, had served as President of the Sunday School, had been a Sunday School teacher, a secretary of the High Priest Group. Member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Survivors: wife; two sons and one daughter: Donald Lynn Lewis, Lakeside, California; Charles Duane Lewis and Mrs. George Lee (Karen) Stott, both of Layton; four grandchildren; one brother and four sisters: Martin D. Lewis, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Ronald (Hazel) Johnson, Mrs. Russell (Macie) Giles, Mrs. Leslie (Mable) Bethers, all of Heber City, Utah; Mrs. Victor (Gladys) Offret, Layton.



# Chapter SUP Eternal

## David Booth Gottfredson, M.D.

David Booth Gottfredson, M.D., age 78, retired physician and surgeon, died Jan. 16, 1977, in a local hospital of cardiac complications. Born November 26, 1898, at Richfield, Utah, to Peter and Alice Keeler Hatch Gottfredson. Married Irma Grainger Sept. 13, 1922, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

He graduated from the University of Utah and Washington University Medical School, St. Louis, Missouri. He practiced general medicine in Richfield from 1928 to 1941. He was active in many civic and professional organizations; president of the Central Utah Medical Association; Commander of the Utah State American Legion, 1937, active in the Utah and Salt Lake County Medical Association and the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Associated with the Salt Lake Clinic for 25 years. Served in both World War I and World War II, Colonel, Medical Unit 5th Army in North Africa and Italy. Active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Ensign Third Ward; Sunday School Superintendency; Stake High Priest Presidency; Ward High Priest; Group Leader and Host at Temple Square Visitors' Center for seven years.

Survivors: wife, daughters: Mrs. Luel A. (Marjorie) Marshall, Concord, California; Mrs. Norden M. (Joyce) Johnsen and Mrs. Edwin B. (Susan) Nielsen, both Salt Lake City; 15 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; sisters: Mrs. Ethel H. Nielson, Orem, Utah; Mrs. Vida G. Bradfield, Palo Alto, California; Mrs. Lenore G. Denison and Mrs. Louell G. Sorensen, both of Manti, Utah.

## J. E. Ostler

John Elmo Ostler, 85, 875 Donner Way, a former Salt Lake County deputy auditor and banker, died February 24 at his home of cancer.

He began his banking career as a book-keeper at Walker Bank and Trust Co. In 1918 he began working at the Federal Reserve System's Salt Lake City Branch and continued in the banking field in several areas until his retirement in 1956.

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He served as deputy auditor of Salt Lake County and later worked in the Utah State Auditor's Office.

A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Mr. Ostler served a mission to the Netherlands from 1911 to 1913. He was a member of the High Priests Quorum of the Monument Park 12th LDS Ward and a member of the Salt Lake City Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Born July 22, 1891, in Salt Lake City to Oliver R. and Louisa Boyden Ostler, he married Gladys Hamlin, July 24, 1911, in Ogden. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

He is survived by his widow; three daughters, Mrs. Edgar G. (Marian) Shelton, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Max R. (Jane) Christensen, Las Vegas, Nevada; Mrs. Victor A. (Georgia) Christopherson, Tucson, Arizona; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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Ancient Egyptian Proverb

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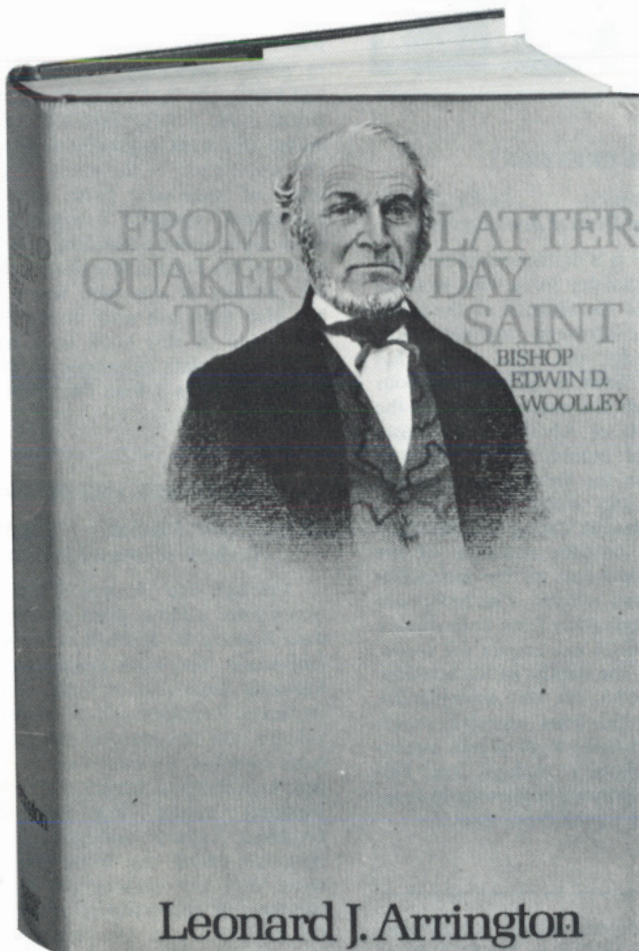
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